

Judge Blackburn's Ruling on Immigration Act Brings Changes to Alabama Motor Vehicle Registration

Act 2011-535 Required Proof of U.S. Citizenship Beginning September 29, 2011

Madison County – September 29, 2011 – The Alabama Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, and Alabama County Licensing Offices will undergo new business practices beginning September 29, 2011, in regard to the provisions of Act 2011-535 of the Alabama Legislature referred to as the Immigration Act

The term “business transaction” includes, but is not limited to, applying for or renewing a motor vehicle license plate, applying for or renewing a driver's license or non-driver identification card, or applying for or replacing a certificate of title, business licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, and boat licenses.

PROOF DOCUMENTS FOR CITIZENSHIP

Any person attempting to register a motor vehicle or apply for a certificate of title must prove his or her United States citizenship. If the person is NOT a U.S. citizen, he or she must demonstrate that he or she has lawful presence in the United States. Corporation, LLCs and LLPs are not required to submit this documentation. **In order to process online renewals or regular mail renewals, individuals and each joint owner will be required to provide a license number, name, and expiration date of each, or a copy of any of the designated proof documents.** Each applicant must provide U. S. citizenship to the county licensing official by submitting one of the documents (or a legible photocopy of one of the documents) shown below:

1. Driver's license or non-driver identification card issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety. A driver's license or non-driver identification card issued by another jurisdiction will only be acceptable if there is language printed on the license or identification card, by the issuing jurisdiction that indicates that the person has provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship. (The driver's license or non-driver identification card must be valid which means unexpired.)
2. U.S. birth certificate.
3. Valid or expired passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number.
4. Naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization (number must be verified with the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services by the county election officer or the Secretary of State).
5. Proof issued by the federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.
6. Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number or tribal enrollment number.
7. Consular report of birth abroad of a citizen of the U.S.
8. Certificate of citizenship issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

9. Certification of report of birth issued by the U.S. Department of State.
10. American Indian card, with KIC classification, issued by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security.
11. Final adoption decree showing the applicant's name and U.S. birthplace.
12. Official U.S. military record of service showing the applicant's place of birth in the U.S.
13. An extract from a U.S. hospital record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth indicating the applicant's place of birth in the U.S.

PROOF DOCUMENTS OF LAWFUL PRESENCE in U.S.

If the applicant is lawfully present in the United States, **one** of the documents shown below must be presented for verification each year.

1. A valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license.
2. A valid, unexpired Alabama non-driver identification card.
3. A valid tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification bearing a photograph or other biometric identifier.
4. Any valid United States federal or state government issued identification document bearing a photograph or other biometric identifier, if issued by an entity that requires proof of lawful presence in the U. S. before issuance.
5. A foreign passport with an unexpired U. S. Visa and a corresponding stamp or notation by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security indicating the bearer's admission to the U. S.
6. A foreign passport issued by a visa waiver country with the corresponding entry stamp and unexpired duration of stay annotation or an I-94 W form by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security indicating the bearer's admission to the U. S.

PLAN AHEAD

To put all this information in summary, please remember that we will have to make photocopies of all proof documents. If the vehicle is in "Joint Owners", we must have a copy of both owners' proof documents. If you have a "Current Unexpired" Alabama drivers license, that will be sufficient, as long as we get copies. Also, if your driver's license was issued by another state, you must bring in one of the documents listed above from number 2-13. The out of state driver's license will not be used as a document to prove citizenship.

We are also going to try to keep our mail and on-line payment system available. Proper proof documents will be a Drivers License Number, Name, and Expiration Date. A new step through ALVerify <https://alverify.mvtrip.alabama.gov> is necessary. To renew by mail, you must include the proper "proof" documents with your payment for it to be processed. To process online, you must provide the proper proof of citizenship when asked upon processing your renewal. You will be allowed to upload information as proof during

the on-line renewal process. Please remember, if the vehicle has “joint owners,” you must provide proof documents for both owners, whether renewing in our office, by mail or on-line.

Monday and Fridays are high activity days in our office. The best time to renew in person is between the 11th and 25th of the month. To process by mail or internet, please do so in enough time so that we can certify the proper proof documents and process the renewal so that we can return it to you by the end of the month. If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to contact us at tags@madisoncountyal.gov or (256) 532-3310. You may also visit our website at www.madisoncountyal.gov.

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